

Lucio Tan
assumes control
of PNB

Shabu lab raided
in Calabarzon; PSM
in ingredients seized



Human rights
groups warn; Palparan
to leave Samar

GMA lauds first woman
White House chef, Fil-Am
Cristeta Comerford

'Great escape': Massive gov't conspiracy'

By Michael L. Sanchez
and TJ Burgette

BATTLED by the "great purge" of former
Director Commission Virgilio Garcilano,
broader of the opposition could only speculate
that his flight was a massive and difficult op-
eration that had the complicity of major gov-
ernment departments.

The circumstances surrounding Garcilano's
flight yesterday that a "conspiracy" in-
volving leading government officials had
occurred.

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Bl man eyed in Garci flight

Ebdane PMA classmate reportedly prepared travel papers



By Jo Zamora, Nibba Dizon,
Vic Conerera and Lito B. Salazar

AN ASSOCIATE commissioner
of the Bureau of Investigation
was allegedly responsible for
preparing the travel papers that
allowed former Election Com-
missioner Virgilio Garcilano to
travel to Singapore on July 14.

A source identified the official as "Baby"
Ebdane, a 1979 graduate of the Philippine
Military Academy and chairman of former re-
tired police chief Ramon Singson's
elite public works company whose name has
recently surfaced as the one who masterminded
Garcilano's flight.

The source said he had information, but his
phone was kept ringing. He said he was
not sure if he would be back on Mon-
day.

Singson would also not be reached for com-
ment. He said he did not come to the
office yesterday.

Garcilano was placed on the 54 watch list
on Aug. 4 after the House of Representatives
passed a resolution for his arrest. The House
source said he was the only person who
was able to explain the whereabouts of Garcilano
after he fled the country.

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THE CHAIR OF COMPTROLLER. After the sub-taking at the Palace of 15 officers presented to start from the major service commands, President Arroyo takes a
break and poses with the top brass. Flanking her are: Secretary of Defense, Gen. Antonio Trillanes; Chief of Staff, Gen. Antonio Tadeo; and Secretary of Defense, Gen. Antonio Tadeo.

Malacañang orders fuel rationing in gov't offices

THE Office of President Man-
uel Arroyo has ordered all gov-
ernment offices to ration fuel
for their vehicles. The order
is part of a drive to conserve
energy and reduce government
expenses.

The President yesterday
ordered that rationing in govern-
ment offices and vehicles be im-
posed by the House of Representatives.

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RP consulate filled with abused maids

DZAS, United Arab Emirates—
They called her "Angie."
They found her in a dark room,
giving her money and food.
She was a maid, but she was
abused. She was a maid, but
she was abused.

The United Arab Emirates
consulate in Manila is filled
with abused maids. They are
abused and they are in need
of help. They are in need of
help and they are in need of
help.

Gov't can't state basis for raid, seizure



By Dana Z. Feilberg

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Palace denies GMA cried

By Christine D. Amador

A PHILIPPINE official yesterday
denied President Man-
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meeting with the incoming
president of the United States.

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VAT morally correct – GMA

By GFC Cabanatuan Jr.

MANILA—new taxes to power the country's economic recovery is "morally and economically correct," President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

The President made the statement amid the raging debate on whether Malabon should be the implementation of the expanded value added tax (VAT), specifically on oil and electricity, amid world crisis of prices inflation.

In a speech at a business forum organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Arroyo said: "The passage of new tax legislation by Congress is an extension of our economic recovery plan. It is morally and economically correct. Those who oppose new revenues oppose turning the nation backward by rejecting the vision and leaders of the Philippines."

"We have a lot of economic resilience and (President Arroyo) says they will make sure that we will not let this decision," the President said.

A former student who is a partner of the President's economic adviser, Atty. Rep. Jovito Salonga, had warned that imposing taxes in a slowing economy and amid adverse external factors

would put the tax in crisis of prices would shock the country closer to an economic depression.

Salonga suggested the President delay implementation of the VAT — if the Supreme Court is unable to constitutionally — until the price of oil shall have gone down to \$30 per barrel from its current price of \$97.

But the President has become more adamant about the support needed for that revenue to fill the budget deficit.

"The benefits of new revenues are vast because they allow the nation to pay off our debts, ... to invest in social welfare (and) ... to build vital infrastructure," she said.

"Without these new revenues, we will continue to lag behind the region and the world. To do anything less than large ahead and make investments are what is a nation will be a major setback for the country."

Despite gloomy forecasts on the oil crisis and tapering economic growth due to price hikes, the President was optimistic the country would weather the storm.

"We may be tough now but we will build a steady nation. We have money and we will have more, more critically important tool yet," she said.

VAT to hit unleaded gas, LPG hardest

By Arnold M. Nucum

MANILA—starting off these recession and financial hard times.

A Department of Energy document detailing how much fuel prices were expected to rise showed that VAT imposed on the P22.02 unleaded gasoline, increasing the bigger price increase should the Supreme Court rule in favor of the constitutionality of the expanded value added tax on the implementation of which the EC supported in July.

The DOE document — which was submitted to the EC on July 10 — showed (LX) price increasing from P22.02 to P22.02 per liter, and unleaded gasoline from P22.02 to P22.02 per liter. In the DOE's sample computation, the price of regular gasoline was projected to rise from P21.44 to P21.62 per liter, diesel from P20.46 to P20.75, kerosene, P20.4 to P21.77, and bunker fuel, P20.4 to P20.75.

The document was submitted to the high court by the Department of Finance after the tribunal asked the DOE to submit the implementation rules and regulations.

of the VAT law price to wrapping up the debates and deliberations on the petition seeking to nullify the law.

In its July 15 memorandum, Energy Undersecretary Ben Arduco Arduco said the proposed price increase with the 10-percent VAT would be higher.

"We may have that the prices are well below the international market prices, but pump prices may be adjusted upward because of indirect cost," Arduco said in a memorandum to the DOE.

Supreme Court public information chief Edmund Chan Jr. earlier said the high tribunal was likely to issue its decision before the end of August.

The EC issued a temporary restraining order on the VAT law on July 1. It was acting on petitions to nullify the law filed by members of the Senate led by Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. and Rep. Francis Escudino, requesting a return of the country and the Malabon from party-to-party.

Former Gov. Pangasinan T. Garcia recently joined the government opposition to the VAT.

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2008 Week 32, Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 1:1-2, 4, 10-16, 22

Gospel: Matthew 23:13-35

When the Pharisees heard how Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together to him, saying, "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and the most important of the commandments. But also this second is similar to it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole Law and the Prophets are founded on these two commandments."

Commentary

Jesus has been asking what the Sadducees who were visiting (they did not believe in resurrection) and the Pharisees came to him. (He doesn't ask him the theological question that they discuss again with him.) While it is the most important law, Jesus answers Jesus asked what the answer to him concern with the theme, the grandiose proper and statement of belief for the Jewish people. Love God with everything you have and then be able to love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love him as yourself. (That you practice loving is good, all other words, prayers, and rituals are not in themselves. It is still the foundation of everything. Jesus teaches her to be able to do something right, through the way of loving. And to love means to love God and everyone, including our enemies who seem to be our enemies. Jesus said and lived his beloved Father God. Encouraging Jesus shows this. How do we love?

Scripture: Luke 10:27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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By Philip C. Tubeza

FAVORS to congressmen don't come cheap.

Lanao del Sur Rep. Faysah Dumarpa said Wednesday that if she had asked President Macapagal-Arroyo for concessions in exchange for her vote against the President's impeachment, she could have asked for more.

She dismissed an INQUIRER story that her brother, Monib Maniri, was appointed chief of the Office of Muslim Affairs (OMA)-Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment on July 22 in exchange for her vote to kill the impeachment complaint.

Dumarpa, a member of the ruling Lakas-CMD party, denied having a hand in her brother's appointment. She said that she had been with the administration party "for years" and needed no "sweetener" to support the President.

"I have never been approached by anyone from Malacañang to offer a post for my brother," she said.

Dumarpa said that her brother had been applying for various posts since 2003 and that it was only now that he was appointed to a government position after working in the Middle East for 14 years.

Experience

She said his experience as a physician in Dammam and Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia, for more than a decade "could have earned him his post."

A lawmaker from Mindanao, who requested anonymity, told the INQUIRER on Wednesday that Maniri and OMA Executive Director Sultan Yahya "Jerry" Tomawis were recently appointed to their posts in exchange for their siblings' vote to reject the impeachment complaint.

Tomawis is the brother of Alif party-list Rep. Acmad Tomawis.

The legislator said that it was the first time that the President directly appointed the head of the Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment, adding that this was "a key post" at the OMA since it handled the annual hajj or pilgrimage of Muslim Filipinos to Mecca.

"Usually, it is up to the OMA director to decide who would occupy that post but, for the first time, the President made a direct appointment," he said.

The source said that to accommodate Tomawis, former OMA chief Zamzamin Ampatuan—a first cousin of House justice committee chair Simeon Datumanong and newly elected Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan—was appointed as the new chief of the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

Representative Tomawis denied that his brother was appointed to head the OMA in exchange for his support for the President.

He said his brother was appointed because Jerry was a "personal friend" of the President, whom he supported since she first ran for the Senate in 1992.



GMA adviser says Palawan execs want federal state

By Carlo J. Gomez
PFI Reporter

BAKOLOD CITY—Some Palawan officials are against the inclusion of their province in any regional grouping because they want to remain more or less a single island state.

Rafael Coscolluela, presidential adviser to Western Visayas, yesterday asserted that Palawan Rep. Antonio Reyes (Iloilo district) was among the Palawanos who believe that the island province could stand on its own and would not need to be part of a region because of its rich natural resources, like the Malubogay Gap Beds.

The Malubogay Gap is expected to bring in Palawan some P2.5 billion in annual income representing its share in government revenues from the project.

Implemented in 2001, the project is expected to generate \$12 million in revenues over the next 20 years.

Palawan residents and officials have been fighting the national government to claim for over two years now to exempt the latter to fulfill its

commitment to give to the province 40 percent of what it will earn from Malubogay.

The government, under the current administration, has rejected on the commitment and insists that Palawan has no right over the gap beds because they are not within the province's territorial jurisdiction.

A compromise agreement pending resolution by the Supreme Court will provide for an initial release of P275 million to Palawan, Coscolluela said.

However, discussions are still under way on how the P275 million will be distributed to Palawan, he said.

There was an agreement in principle that part of the amount would be used to finance the new airport of Palawan, he added.

Coscolluela said that it was its voters who had informed the President that the provincial officials would like to see the establishment of a federal state of Palawan.

This, however, will all depend on whether the Constitution would be amended to recognize

the present presidential system to a parliamentary/federal form of government, Coscolluela added.

Palawan was supposed to have been officially transferred from Region 4-B (Mindoro) to Western Visayas (Iloilo district) last year. The move was delayed indefinitely because of strong opposition from the Palawanos.

The provincial board has passed a resolution opposing the Atty's office directive to include Palawan in Region 4 without any conditions, prompting the President to hold an implementation in abeyance.

Coscolluela said under the agreement had approved opposition to the move as it would entail added responsibility on him.

In the case of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for example, Palawan's inclusion in Western Visayas would mean that areas and forest Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) would be placed under Region 4, on top of its existing 12 CENROs, he said.

RP's 1st LGU sanitary landfill to rise in Puerto

PURTO PRINCENIA CITY—Mayor Edmar Magallon has ordered a municipality-wide sanitation campaign to solid waste management to prepare the city for the soon-to-open sanitary landfill in Sanagay (San. Lagay), 10 km away from the city.

The PGO officials said the design project would meet international standards on ecological waste management and is the first local government-controlled sanitary landfill in the country.

It is located on 3.7 hectares of land. Already about 90 percent complete, the landfill is composed of layers to prevent leachate from seeping into the soil of the waste disposal area, a water treatment facility and a

material recovery facility (MRF).

While the MRF is still under construction, the city government selected the first of the six compartments of the landfill to take control of waste collected from households.

Magallon explained that the safe operation of the landfill would prevent the emissions for the full operation of the garbage dump and landfill to the health of the community.

"If proper waste segregation in the household is fully implemented, we expect the landfill to have a life span of around 10 years," he said. "We ought to have a proper waste disposal and this should save from our respective livelihoods."

Palawan (Palawan) is the first local

government unit to comply with Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Waste Management Act of 2000, which requires all local government units to implement and control segregation of waste in households.

Magallon further explained that the construction of the landfill is the first of the six compartments of the landfill to take control of waste collected from households.

"I am sure that we can manage to have a green community as I believe that they will cooperate to the fullest extent to have a clean, decent and healthy community."

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Coffee seen as Mindanao's next cash crop

DAVAO CITY—The Department of Agriculture is looking at coffee as one of the priority commodities in Mindanao to boost the growth of the province's economy. It is estimated that the province's coffee production is worth P1.5 billion annually.

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Only 50 meters separate offices of 2 Cavite governors

By Marivic Santos
PHS Staffers/Local Office
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in Manila

THEIR SEPARATED CITY—Close political allies, acting Gov. Juanito Vico Remulla and suspended Gov. Romeo Minalta held offices only 50 meters apart in opposite wings of the Capitol's second floor.

Remulla, the vice governor who was installed in the regional post on Wednesday following Minalta's suspension by the Constitutional Court, said he had no plans of having the governor's body moved from his office, where he has been building up since assuming the suspension order issued by the Constitutional Court on Monday.

"The way, way to his office as long as he wants, I can stay in my own office at the other end of the Capitol. We can peacefully co-exist," Remulla said in response to a telephone interview.

"Governance is not about real estate," he added.

The resolution in the three-day standoff in the provincial seat of power was still uncertain.

Here cases

Remulla promises said to be settling in his first days since going against his rival. These include the supposed anomalous contract the Minalta entered into involving the purchase of 100 million worth of heavy equipment only one year and the filing of "unwarranted" lawsuits that, Remulla said, were con-

ducted only to shield the business of missing government officials.

The vice governor has already filed three writ cases against Minalta. The first, filed during the last year's election, dealt with the purported irregular land agreement involving a nine-hectare lot being allegedly acquired.

The second, filed on Aug. 2, recalled the supposed "ghost" purchase of P7.3 million worth of rice. This led to the suspension of Minalta by the Constitutional Court.

The third complaint, filed on Wednesday, was for the alleged anomalous purchase of P2.5 million worth of construction.

Minalta remained silent by the probing cases against him. "He [Minalta] has every right to do it. In fact, it's better for him to face the case to

the proper courts than get himself dragging in media outlets," he said in a filing.

Minalta had accused the former administration of influencing the Constitutional Court to suspend him. He said, he said, was aware in time Remulla's brother, Carlos Ray Jr., was Cavite's Ateneo (first district) and Ray Gilbert (second district) were to support the impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo in the House.

Both Malarbago and Ray Gilbert Remulla have denied the accusations.

Lower House leaders, Minalta's loyal counsel, said the suspension order violated the voting rules of the Constitutional Court.

Anti-filing bill to shield the legitimacy of Constitutional Court

Meanwhile, the order violated the process of the original body when the court passed the suspension through a seven-vote majority, Minalta said.

He said they were reporting the Constitutional Court to act on their appeal in three days.

'Sleepers' in couch

Wednesday, Minalta spent his second "sleepless night" on a small couch in his office.

He said he was willing to stay in his office even for six months, the maximum period of suspension.

"As long as there are people who believe and support my vision, I will not leave this capital," he declared.

In Manila, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) said it was now Remulla's call as acting governor on how to deal with Minalta's continued defiance of the suspension order.

"We're already here (what was required of us by law). We already served the suspension order and legislative Secretary Sergio Remulla has issued the memorandum assigning the vice governor as acting governor," DILG Undersecretary Herbert Bantao, the department's spokesman, said in a bureau.

Bantao said the DILG was still using developments at the capital. "Let us see what happens," he said. Remulla said he had already forwarded his call to provide all the "comforts" that Minalta would need during his stay.

He ordered the provincial police to ensure that peace and order was maintained as Minalta's suspension camped out in the province.

'Great escape: Massive government conspiracy'

By Marivic Santos

helped cover up the escape plan.

Administration says reports that Minalta and Robert Am Bantao in separate interviews said that a high-profile law firm election official like David Laro could use just nearly state government agents tracking him down.

"A conspiracy is always possible," said Bantao, although he contended that some influential people in the private sector could have had a hand in Remulla's departure from the province.

Reality show

The first episode of the season of reality TV show "Halo Halo"

showing golf found had evolved into "Greatest Escape" according to former Gov. Juanito Vico II.

"This latest development proves that the whole government machinery had been mobilized to help in the escape of the Minalta in Malarbago," Bantao said in a statement.

"The flight of Minalta from his Cavite home to Singapore and probably on to London was a master and difficult operation involving the complicity of major government departments such as foreign affairs, justice, interior and local government, and transportation," Bantao said.

"There must be a conspiracy theory as to why Remulla could have left without the knowledge of certain agencies," said Bantao. However, a former mayor general and former chief of the Philippine Constabulary.

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Cancel passport

Interior Secretary Lito Abaya said the government is considering

documents to show it was serious about bringing him back to the country.

"The way we have lost him, but we have the capacity to track his whereabouts — by consulting his passport. Consulting his passport will make him an illegal alien and will lead to his arrest by immigration authorities," Abaya said in an interview.

However, he warned that the government, particularly the Department of Foreign Affairs, would cancel Remulla's travel papers.

"That's where the problem lies. The government should have done it a long time ago. Right (Malarbago) will not want to be

seen. Caviteños will spill the beans on her and sign the books of protest around her neck," he said.

According to Remulla's challenge, DILG spokesman Gilbert Amador explained that the agency under the Transport Law could only cancel the documents if its holder had been declared a fugitive by the court.

A lot of explaining

Remulla said support and investigation officials had a lot of explaining to do.

"While my team, they should take a lesson, if we miss, and they are charged of the suspension of suspension," said the lawmaker, adding that

in the future of the Transportation Office chief Minalta and his family, he would ensure that Minalta would not return to the House of Representatives since Remulla's whereabouts.

Remulla said the two officials should resign if they cannot come up with a "satisfactory explanation."

Remulla, chief of the joint House committee investigating the alleged conspiracy between President Arroyo and Remulla, said he would lead the inquiry into the "Halo Halo" reality show to grill the two officials. With a report from both Congress



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Traffic coding scheme suspended in Pasig

By Edwin C. Tordes Jr.

SAYING that the number coding scheme of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority was ineffective in easing traffic, Metro Manila Transit has suspended its implementation in Pasig City.

The suspension took effect about two weeks ago, after traffic management officials had police Sgt. Virginia Pichico lead the suspension.

Under the number scheme, vehicles are tagged from the colors in random days depending on the last number of their license plates. The suspension, which met with members 1 and 2 are not allowed to drive in Metro Manila on Mondays.

The scheme aims to ease traffic on key roads by limiting the number of vehicles.

traffic management officials, but also the suspension of the number scheme was for "the interest of the public."

"The suspension is based on the fact that the scheme is not the solution to the traffic problem," public information chief Oliver Hernandez said.

Hernandez said the suspension had not yet affected traffic in Pasig City because only when people had known about it.

But he said the traffic volume would continue to increase with the implementation of the suspension.

Some motorists expressed appreciation over the effect of the suspension on traffic, especially along the highway.

Motorists also quickly noticed the suspension, but while the scheme had been tentatively suspended in the city, the scheme was still being implemented in most local government roads in the corridor.



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Secondary roads eyed for bike, pedestrian lanes

By Terri V. Quintana

SECONDARY roads in Metro Manila would play a primary role in easing traffic by providing safe space for pedestrians and cyclists.

The idea is to use the roads to create a network of pedestrian and bicycle lanes.

"We are looking at using secondary roads to create a network of pedestrian and bicycle lanes," said a Metro Manila Transit official.

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roads will be divided into four 1.75-meter lanes, with two lanes each for bicycles and pedestrians going in opposite directions.

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Parents join fight vs dengue

Parents of Metro Manila residents are joining forces to fight dengue.

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Support pours in for Romy Cabading

HOW CAN medical science fully reverse a former athlete who had been crushed by a neckless stroke and now left paralyzed, unconscious on the road?

There was no waiting the broken bones inside Romy Cabading's body after the fall victim to a spinal stroke.

Cabading suffered deeper shock after the driver of the 11-cycle that ran over him left the former national cage diving in the highway off Villavic, Pangasinan, shortly before last Christmas.

Cabading will never be able to walk again, his wife says in a hospital center in the hospital.

In fact, she added, Cabading, who injured into a coma for his head twisted on the concrete road during the accident, has yet to regain his full senses.

Maybe only a miracle surgery job could return Cabading close to his original, world self.

But in order to cure him, there's got to reverse the victim's body to himself and his feelings.

Sometimes, an income rises from the share in helping help to Cabading and his family almost since there is death and. About in San Nicolas, Manila, Pangasinan.

The team will deliver donations which started to come in after the victims published a plea from the victim's wife.

They needed financial support for the continuous treatment of Cabading, whose earnings and life investment have

Bare Eye

By Leah Trinidad



difficult cases up to his tough hospitalization.

The suspending of support was quite heartbreaking. First to offer a pledge was the Philippine Basketball League (PBL), whose committee immediately sent in a check.

Lawyer-sportsman Rudy Salda, founding partner of the World Boxing Council, and Luis Bryant, former head of both the PBL and the PBA, entered on time and gave donations, both considered as credit envelopes.

The La Salle Green Archers did its bit through TV Tang, whose help was delivered through the kindness of a former sports actor, who also sent a check.

We will never know the total amount of the donations until the newspapers reach the Cabading homes.

It's not a very long list so far. But the happy thing is, as Rudy Salda pledged, he would continue supporting Cabading's treatment.

And when actress leader Romy Koro, who promptly dug out his pocket and filled out all his cash upon learning of the single hand down?

ADD to this Cebuans City Vito Mayor Tito Narda, who called up this reporter to ask how he could be of help.

The following day, a check of 24,000 pesos to Cabading's wife, landed in the Income Sports Club.

Weeks, a former Cebu Red-headers who sent had a very commendable and as PBA referee, did not mean to be blamed.

The check came like Kippel Smith, had the number 0000776.

Actually, the donations should have reached Cabading last January yet his money was lost, and the storm blowing over the Pangasinan area, left so with no choice but to postpone that trip.

Learning of the heart defect, former national cycling champion Alex Garcia did his bit and joined the list around.

Cabading, in his head and voice of a robust athlete system, should not suffer health today.

"Not a money issue," says an older concerned son from Pangasinan, "Ylham Mayor Narda, to Alex Garcia had instructed the BWF to give Cabading 25,000 after reading the income report."

The same text message said Alex Garcia had extended financial help to Cabading but the committee, and had also asked some employees to do their share.

The local reward was off for your blood.

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After a week-end break, the teams will resume their games on Monday, August 21, at the same time, hope that the fourth-ranked San Beda team drop out their season to drop a playoff for the Final Four game.

But the game ended in the final, 80-50, and the Cardinals 80-50 in their next game. — *Journalist*

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BSP survey shows bearish outlook

FOR THE first time since the 2003 withdrawal of liquidity in long, the overall business outlook turned bearish in the third quarter as political uncertainties added to woes over mounting oil prices and the government's fiscal deficit, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' latest survey.

This quarter's business expectations survey (BES) showed a reversal in the overall business outlook indicator index (BI) to a negative 10.4 percent compared to the positive 12.4 percent of the previous survey.

It was the first time that the key business sentiment indicator had turned negative since the first quarter of 2005, when the BI fell to -3 percent following the reaction to the Petron Caltex that contributed to the US dollar weakness of long.

The BI index is the percentage change of those that answered in the affirmative, less those that answered negative in a given indicator. A negative BI indicates an unfavorable view when measuring confidence levels.

The survey was conducted from July 1 to Aug. 3. During the period, the Supreme Court issued a restraining order on the implementation of the value added tax law, causing doubt on the government's ability to solve its fiscal problems.

Also, the election-hopping scandal that ousted Vice President Nolasco led to push where 13 key officials quit their posts and asked President Manobo to step down. The mood of withdrawal of support by some business groups.

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Tan to assume control of PNB

By Boris C. Ombao

TOBACCO magnate Licio Tan is set to assume control of Philippine National Bank after formally serving notice yesterday of his decision to match the P43.77 per share offered by lone challenger Union Bank of the Philippines during last week's auction.

Coley Ochoa, executive vice president of Philippine Export-Import Insurance Corp. and chief of the PNB privatization task force, yesterday rejected the Licio Tan group had notified the government that Ochoa's offer would be matched.

This means that the Licio Tan group would get the right to buy the shares, leaving Ochoa's offer as the game.

"We are now doing the closing pro-



Tan wants to get in and another leader to take up.

cedures," Ochoa said, saying that the output has yet to pay for the state in PNB.

Ochoa's offer to pay P43.77 per share in P 15.18 billion for the 37 percent stake in PNB, which the government and the Licio Tan group

jointly mentioned off.

At the start of last Friday's bidding, the floor price of the shares was pegged at P43 per share, or P16 billion.

Given Tan already owned half of the PNB stake that was auctioned off, the auction would only have to pay for the government's portion of the stake worth P16.14 billion.

Of the total proceeds, the national government will get P1.08 billion while P1.16 billion will go to the PNB.

The PNB, which owns about 1,400 million preferred shares of the government bank, took charge of the bidding and negotiation committee for PNB. Tan was given 21 days from last Friday's auction to match Ochoa's bid.

Tan's decision to match Ochoa's offer did not come as a surprise. The auction is not expected to be as high, given his cash resources and the bank's strength in the main market, as well as the current market sentiment.

"It is a period of an acquisition," said

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AUGUST 19, 2005**BUSINESS****B 5****Opus Dei victims**

THE OPUS Dei victims in the investment house CIPI debacle have yet to recover their lost fortunes, and now comes another alleged corporate chicanery involving yet again another Opus Dei-dominated money machine.

Insurance company Nicphil last week filed multiple charges of estafa against its dismissed president/CEO, Emmanuel Ticzon, after the latter failed to return more than P56 million he allegedly illegally withdrew over a span of four years.

Ticzon, an Opus Dei supernumerary like Nicphil chair Vicente Mills, claims that the P56 million he wired into an overseas bank account was above board and part of his executive compensation package.

Ticzon, who is seen regularly visiting the 24-hour adoration room at the Forbes Park church, also claims that the questioned remittances to his and his wife's Royal Bank of Scotland's NatWest account had all been approved and processed by Nicphil treasurer and fellow Opus Dei member Roberto Jose Castillo.

Castillo, on the other hand, claims that he and the vice president for finance, Rolando Mariano, were too terrified to question their then president/CEO about the off-book transactions.

"Not one among Nicphil's employees dared question Mr. Ticzon on these anomalous transactions on account of his volatile temper and penchant to shout and embarrass people in public," Castillo said in a sworn statement.

"Besides, no one among them knew that Mr. Ticzon was acting without the imprimatur of the board of directors."

Because of the alleged secret siphoning off of company funds, Nicphil temporarily stopped operations and has been placed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under a conservator.

In the meantime, Ticzon, who owns enough shares to elect himself and his wife Maria Victoria to the eight-member Nicphil board, offered to buy out his fellow shareholders, but the offer was rebuffed.

The boardroom shakeup also resulted in another Nicphil director, former San Miguel president Francisco Eizmendi Jr., cutting short his term. He was replaced by Cesar Virtusio.

Proton stalls in Pangasinan

LIKE the Malaysian car venture, the multibillion-peso claims filed by bank creditors of the bankrupt Proton Group in the aftermath of the regional currency crisis have been stalled in the Alaminos (Pangasinan) Regional Trial Court.

HSBC, Bank of the Philippine Islands, Urban Bank (now Export and Industry Bank), and First E-Bank (now part of the BDO Group) are running after the Rodriguez brothers who control the Proton venture.

In turn, Peter and Paul Rodriguez, represented by Purita Montanosas-Cortes, sued the banks to accept the Proton property in Alaminos as payment.

COCKTALES*Victor C. Agustin*

HSBC counsel Accralaw insists that the Proton suit should be dismissed because the court cannot compel the banks to accept a dation, the proposed settlement being a voluntary agreement to convey something in place of monetary payment.

To her credit, Montanosas-Cortes, who liberally refers to the "Chief Justice" in her oral arguments, has been able to keep the case alive, and stall the banks from taking other compulsive action against Proton, or its shareholders.

Incidentally, the Proton case is also being heard by Judge Jules Mejia, the same judge who issued warrants of arrest, upon Proton's application, against the German directors of Audi, for allegedly committing a crime even if none of them have ever been to the Philippines.

Accounting squeeze play

A TEAM from the Deutsche Bank Hong Kong office will meet with Punongbayan and Araullo today on the stalled GMA housing project with National Home Mortgage Finance Corp.

According to the grapevine, the accounting firm has balked at paying its share of the financial advisory fees of a former Ernst & Young partner, Dale Strickland, who successfully packaged the liquidation of the NHMFC's unified home lending program portfolio.

Before the deal could be completed, Ernst & Young junked its long-time partnership with Punongbayan and Araullo in favor of SGV. As a result, Strickland, now a Makati resident, has been caught in between the ex-partners' feud.

The Deutsche Bank Group, in turn, is quite keen to mediate since the German bank acquired the multibillion-peso housing assets and could not move forward because of the feuding bean counters.

NHMFC, in turn, will receive P4 billion in cash with the German bank acquiring 51 percent of the UHLP assets.

Heard through the grapevine

CONTRARY to what is being talked about in high society circles, the Ramon Tambunting inheritance feud has not been settled yet, with the widow, Mercedes Teehankee-Tambunting, still contesting the probate of the will of her late husband.

Ramon, who passed away in 1999, left the bulk of his fabulous fortune to his younger brother Jose Jr., and his son Joselito and Joselito's wife, Victoria. (E-mail: cocktales_pdi@pdiadsl.net or cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com)

Tan to assume control of PNB

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Astro del Castillo, managing director of First Grade Holdings, "PNB has a big upside. Looking at its income figures, it is definitely bouncing back."

Despite being fully privatized, PNB will remain a government depository bank until May 3, 2007, said Omar Byron Mier, PNB president.

PNB shares yesterday closed at P39.50 af-

ter sharply rising last week ahead of the bank's privatization.

ATR Kim Eng Securities economist Luz Lorenzo said Tan's other banking interest, Allied Bank, would move up to number 4 from 10 among the country's biggest banks once it merges with PNB.

Apart from the banking business, Tan also has interests in food, beverage, tobacco, airline and property.

A big fight looms

From page B4

fective remaining trade remedy.

Justice Florentino Feliciano, who served as one of seven judges in the WTO Appellate Body, said we were one of the weakest countries in the world in protecting our citizens from unfair trade practices. He is convinced these two decisions must be reconsidered.

Already, Alyansa Agrikultura member organizations are planning to join in filing for this reconsideration. Despite reports that a department may not ask for reconsideration, we expect the government to lead in this fight for its withdrawal on this issue will be perceived as a betrayal of public trust.

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BUSINESS

Gov't seen revising economic targets

By Michelle K. Rivas

THE GOVERNMENT said it would review its macroeconomic assumptions, with the possibility of lowering growth targets for the next five years, in view of the worsening situation.

The Interagency Development Budget Coordination Committee (IBDC) is set to meet twice this week to discuss how to review the country's medium-term strategy for the next five years, given the current economic situation.

IBDC officials said they were expecting that by then, the expansion of the expanded value-added tax law would have been final. The implementation of the VAT law is seen to further

put up price and domestic supply pressure in the short term.

"The IBDC will review the economic indicators but what we are looking at is the macroeconomic and development strategy," said IBDC Director General Antonio Sison. Under the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), the country's gross domestic product is targeted to grow by 5.2 to 6.5 percent this year and by as much as 8 percent in 2001 and 2002.

Further, the study said: "The 2001 target of 5.2 percent is based on the decline in global demand for exports and the ill effects of the IBDC-revised macroeconomic

on agricultural output."

Sison said that for now, the IBDC was sticking to the 5.2 percent growth target of 5.2 percent despite the surge in oil prices on the international market.

However, Sison said that should oil prices remain at \$40 per barrel, the GDP growth for 2000 would be as low as 4.2 percent. If oil prices reach \$70 a barrel, he said, GDP growth would only be 5.1 percent.

As for inflation, Sison said consumer prices would increase by an average of 3 percent this year. If oil prices remained at \$40 per barrel, inflation would drop to 2.5 percent. If oil prices rose to \$70 a barrel, inflation would rise to 3.5 percent.

"The lower inflation projection is

much higher than the government's targeted average of 2.5 percent."

The oil price hike prompted Sison to call for the deferment of the implementation of the VAT on oil and electricity. The administration, however, is inclined to push through with it.

IBDC officials said further delays in the implementation of the VAT law would cause more problems.

Sison said the IBDC supports the implementation of the VAT, explaining that the "pain" would be felt only in the short term. In the long run, the tax increase would give way to better infrastructure and basic services that will in turn attract more investment, he added.

"The lower inflation projection is



NGO-led projects have become a major economic concern and could pose a national security threat to the country, government officials and economists warn.

SMC glass unit starts P3-B expansion

By Elizabeth S. Seron

SMC INDUSTRIAL Corp. is spending more than P3 billion for the upgrade and expansion of its glass facility in Lantao to enable the company to keep up with the increased demand for glass packaging.

Under the project, SMC subsidiary San Miguel Investment Corp. will put up a second factory adjacent to its existing plant in Lantao, Cebu.

The project, called SM2, will

increase SMC's glass production

to 80,000 tons upon the project

completion in 2000.

The first phase of SM2 is to initiate the construction of a new

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Contract for plant has been awarded to a subsidiary of the parent packaging material in the

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6 oil, gas exploration contracts to generate \$94M in investments

By Ringling L. Ho

AT LEAST \$94.3 million in investments have been committed to develop oil and gas prospects owned by 40 petroleum service companies.

The contracts awarded by the Department of Energy covered prospects in five Palawan, Northwest Palawan, Misamis Occidental, Cuyo Island, San Vicente Island, Palawan Island in Southern Cagayan Valley and Northern Cagayan Valley and Northern Cagayan Valley.

All six contracts provided for a seven-year exploration schedule, with the first two years to be spent on gathering geological and geophysical data, and drilling of an exploration well.

Service Contract No. 102 (SC 102) was awarded to a group composed of \$100 million Petroleum Technology, Amnara Energy Ltd., United States Ltd. and Houston Energy Ltd. The group will invest \$10.4 million for oil and gas exploration over a 7.5-year period in the SC 102 group Cuyo Island.

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Gov't asked to keep ecozones' incentives

WORLDWIDE now the possible impact of economic zone incentives, the Department of Trade and Industry has called on the national government to delay action to collect taxes and duties from economic zones.

Trade and Industry Secretary Juan Pardo said the DTI has forwarded to the Department of Finance its request for a moratorium on economic zone incentives to allow small businesses to develop and grow.

"This problem was brought to our attention by foreign business chambers. I met with Finance Secretary Teves and requested the DTF not to make any more

incentives," Pardo said.

In two separate orders, the Department asked that incentives in duty-free economic zones and duty-free zones should not have been given to tax payers because there was no legal basis for their incentives.

It said that Republic Act No. 7227, which is used by economic zones to grant tax and duty exemptions in foreign, national and local economic zones.

Pardo said the DTI was hoping the DTF would maintain status quo for small business incentives to legitimate the granting of incentives/economic incentives was prohibited. While it seems

BAP, Customs sign deal

THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS and the Bureau of Philippine and the Bureau of Customs recently signed an agreement for the development of a computerized system for the processing of import and export documents.

The deal, signed by BAP President General Ed. Villanueva and Customs Officer in Charge, Division Office, Manila, Project Manager Victoriano Sison, is expected to be completed by the end of 2000.

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AFTER lining the eye area, Japanese makeup artist Hiroshi Kuroki applies shadows and highlighters on the model.



LIPS, while play around shades in the eyes, model only a dab of deep pale color.



KOLMO applies Shu Uemura's crystals for added drama.

Order for masques

Shu Uemura goes the way of 'Moulin Rouge'

Text by Alex T. Vergara
Photography by Stefan Parnas

WITH THE RIGHT false eyelashes, every woman can now look like Steve Nieve. Leading Japanese makeup artist Shu Uemura recently introduced its latest "mode" makeup line for women and men's due effort, among other beauty enhancers, its diffusion: false eyelashes.

Dubbed as "Masquerade," the look, as demonstrated by Japanese makeup artist Hiroshi Kuroki, are heavily inspired by Moulin Rouge and theatrical balls. The mode makeup relies heavily on such accessories as false eyelashes and Shu Uemura's crystals to make a statement.

Like the brand's previous mode makeup line, says Kuroki, the latest edition is more about the concept and not the product. But compared to many recent collections by the brand, the team behind the brand, this can be seen mostly on the eyes.

"It's about giving the eyes added impact,"

says Kuroki in Japanese.

Kuroki worked on two local models during the launch that doubled as an afternoon party at a Nikkei hall. "Masquerade" has five patterns for the eyes that "surreal" as well as "complement" each other. The collection, through its lip gloss and blushes, provides the face with enough drama for a very drowsy finish.

"Whatever combination you go for," says Kuroki, Shu Uemura's brand manager in the Philippines, "the shades are a play on light and dark, past and vibrant, warm and sheer."

Daily beauty

Since Filipinos are a bit darker than their Japanese sisters, Kuroki recommends that they bring out their darkness by highlighting such "bold" eye shades as purple and brown.

"Gold and brown can be used as a base, while a line of green or purple brings out the (person's) color," says Kuroki.

These colors are for everyday looks that can range from day to night depending on how you mix and match them. But if you're out to make a dramatic statement via these eyes, then the Uemura's theory takes on shiny heads-on-your-face look.

In fact, the brand has 30 kinds of false eyelashes available in Japan. Most of the city locally available eyelashes come in black, but in varying shapes and lengths.

"It's easy to apply them," Kuroki says. "With enough practice, you can do it yourself. Our store staff is there to teach you how to apply it."

If you find pencil-like eyelashes a bit too "Moulin Rouge," then you can opt for glittery Shu Uemura crystals. If the Shu Uemura can pull it off with aplomb, then so can you.

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ALL the mode's used eyelashes, makeup artist Hiroshi Kuroki says the brand's secret winning eyelash routine.



GLAM, the lips (and cheeks) get a hint of color, as various shades and products are reserved for the eyes.



FLIP made-up model with a pair of false eyelashes is ready for a masquerade.



7000 Magazine Road, considered one of the best for street-viewing, saw westerners, Tom (P. 40) and Phil, who had been in a headland (P. 120) from South Gallery. Phil had a (P. 100) from South Gallery and a (P. 100) from North Gallery.



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Ethnic and exquisite

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• Chair (1996)
my body chair
of the 1990s

I first encountered black or "blackish" indigo, as it were, in Warren's stationary store. The magazine featured a line of Modigliani's elongated figures in poses with tilted heads in very contemporary designs. I was very impressed with the implied ethnic pieces and became quite curious about the group that came up with the fashionable measurements.

At that time, I wasn't completely certain what this was. All I knew was that it was compensated writing who worked with others to preserve their crafts. I even thought that it was about books, yet most her terminology and nature.

These varying and timely incentives are not all in cash. Much is in the form of technical assistance, information, and training. The National Center for Sustainable Development, for example, has been instrumental in the New Timber Harvest Practices Task Force (NTFPT), a network of organizations that work with loggers, environmental organizations, and owners of land rights, to encourage management and harvest based on low-impact forest products, with the intent of establishing a regular stream of these products that can ensure a regular source of income for the community. It was the establishment of the NTFPT that led to the development of the 100,000-hectare and 100,000-hectare of forest lands and thousands of small landowners and to develop the perceived value of sustainable and of sustainable forest management.

It all started in September 2000 due to a chance meeting between NTFIP's Crafts coordinator, *Bole Andaya*, and fashion and graphic artist *Quam Madi* (see sidebar) of the Track Angels Union. The latter was hired as a consultant for the realization of NTFIP's plans of coming up with a designer line of indigenous crafts with the above-mentioned objectives.

Travis, who shares NTP IT's revenue equally



Three grays: white jacket with T-bird headwork is a classic that will positively make the right jacket (FL 100) and T-bird women's suit (FL 101) from Anne Galtrey. T-bird men's suit with headwork head and T-birds (FL 100) and T-bird from Galtrey (FL 101) from Anne Galtrey and White, White and Albert Sells by Sam Grant from Galtrey.

APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Apples
Sally Sally



ing and showing indigenous people's crafts to a much higher level where more value is placed on the traditions and culture of the people who make them, readily volunteered to help realize these goals. She was inspired by a broad collection, a collaboration between hip actess Bruce Willis's and South African artists with the aim of creating a wider market for South African crafts.

At this point, additional designers from different areas of design also withdrew from their time and talent. The husband-and-wife team of Kirby Deindl, a product and graphic designer, and Mary Currenlock, an interior designer, used space and structure, as well as color and new materials, to inject modernity into suburban homes and traditional Southern societies.

Kalutit, Mo'iti and traditional skills and materials make modern products, a kind of synergy such as a Maquian tray traditional take shaped as Mickey Mouse ear.

Meanwhile, both Tracie and fashion designer Indira Chitra created uniquely beautiful accessories and clothes that featured traditional Thai artwork or Myanmar embroidery. Both women agreed that indigenous handicrafts provide an outlook and hope to the future. Women of all ages, not to mention, that, can wear these items and express their individuality in the process.

Most will be searching for new designers ready to meet fresh design concepts and an interesting creative line. And through design ideas requested by the NPDPL, the featured designers will all have the chance to interact and assist with the patrons, who are considered creative participants in the work they inspire.

Simply put, the STPD is through Modjave to park a runaway internet and appreciation for a indigenous crafts. It are openly imposed and owned by the group/owners to bring about the the beauty of fashion, and lead their efforts to help preserve traditional arts. Although, as a consumer of this, I would also like to make the use of key details. Stacy Martin and Anneke said they have been doing this in their own way to decades ago.

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Credits for last week: *Local interest groups* is set from *NRCS* in *Lower Plant Mall*, *Marquette* to *State* and *University* *Radical* *Wish*, various *class* from *Marion* *Golden* in *Lower Plant Mall* and another *class* from *NYC* *Academy* in *Chenoweth*. *Lower Plant Mall* and *Lower's* *Time*.
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the previous few days. My sleeping position apparently irritated my back enormously and kept brought all the problems spots and twisted them with pain. I stood up feeling like a wet woman. It was as if all that pain and stiffness

They then led me to another beautiful scene and I was back in the hands of Nephthys the goddess two-horned horned.

My computer class was managed and chaired with excellence. My first semester is over and I'm thankful that I

The giant louse and the marvellous strong-smelling, which grow very fast & more voracious than the Great House, from which

there, I couldn't help but smile when I saw the girl. Rushing my cheeks due to the blood on, crimson. Now that was the name for it, all right.

Just as my list of needs was ending, Miss Cookland of my collection, publications and books was. She was honest enough to say she was not very experienced when it came to being a bookkeeper so she opted for more financial training.

I got out of there at 4:30 p.m. and had the buffet dinner till 11 p.m. I was surprised to get a meal in the hotel as the spa services were available on a 24-hour basis, but really I had no deal with the spa and would the same day as

So if you are looking for a different gift or treat that you can't get at a hotel, this is one that will definitely be appreciated. After all, nobody's here to ruin your vacation, so why not enjoy it to the fullest?

Glacchione at a banquet

Health Experts now list it as being 200 mg. Chlorzoxazone tablets found in FL, 200mg 30 pieces. The drug is known among those who used to abuse (and) found, light-colored skin.

They also sell Alpha Lipic Acid called FLACOR® powder, which when combined with Zearalenone (soy) will ring-brighten the effects.

Condon has opened a skin section at West
Opport Building branch at 611 West Avenue,
Miami. The prices are extremely reasonable
and I have checked the equipment and they
are also very good.

Graduate offers *Blissful Feet: Meditation* (16) hair removal and skin rejuvenation. It has a long-run machine removal tool, of course. (You and your body obviously benefit, but by induction, hair, acne and blemish.)

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leaves of the plant—buds, roots and stems—the plant, known with a dose of irony of lavender rose and herbs. The leaves have a strong, sweet and slightly scented.

Asplenium platyneuron (L.) is the most common fern of the forest floor. The leaves of this plant are green and have a dark line, brownish and reddish brown for an interesting message and sometimes with dots.

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